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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2001 (Paper #4), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this reissue application based on U.S. Patent No. 5,902,667 (the '667 patent), in view of the following Remarks:

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Of these, claims 1-6 (the original claims of the '667 patent) stand rejected on the basis of a defective reissue declaration, while claims 1-5 stand rejected on the basis of prior art not of-record in the file wrapper to the '667 patent. Claims 7-12 stand withdrawn from consideration by virtue of a restriction requirement and a constructive election by original presentation of the claims of Group I (claims 1-6).

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